



## 2016 Candidate Questionnaire - House

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Date of Election:  Nov 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016   
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Progressive Democrats of America (PDA) was founded in 2004 to transform the Democratic Party and our country. We seek to build a party and government controlled by citizens, not corporate elites - with policies that serve the broad public interest, not just private interests. As a grassroots PAC, PDA operates inside the Democratic Party, and outside in movements for peace and justice.

## The Congressional Progressive Caucus

**Do you pledge, if elected to this office, to immediately join the Congressional Progressive Caucus?**

Yes  No  If not, why not?

Consistent with my attached Core Values

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## Lobbyist

**Do you pledge, if elected to this office, to NOT become a paid lobbyist when you leave Congress?**

Yes  No  If not, why not?

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## PDA Issues

PDA focuses on fundamental issues of concern to voters. The questions are grouped, but all issues are equally important. Your answers to the questions below will be used to help determine whether to endorse you in the race for the nomination for this office.

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## Notice to Candidate:

Most questions below state: "If elected to this office, do you pledge to cosponsor the following legislation as an original cosponsor, or within 2 weeks of its introduction: (bill number and description).

You must understand and agree that a version of the bill which is materially the same, with the same or a new number, or a new Sponsor, may be introduced, and is included within the meaning of that bill number and name, and you further pledge to co-sponsor such version.

### Healthcare:

*60 million Americans have no reliable access to health care and millions more have inadequate or overly expensive coverage. Despite spending twice as much as other developed nations on health care, our system performs poorly. Private U.S. insurance gatekeepers soak up one-third of expenditures. Pharmaceutical interests overcharge Americans by avoiding price competition.*

If elected to this office, do you pledge to cosponsor the following legislation as an original cosponsor, or within 2 weeks of its introduction?

**H.R. 676** Expanded and Improved Medicare for All Act

**Sponsor:** Rep. John Conyers

Yes  No If not, why not?

Consistent with my attached Core Values \_\_\_\_\_

**H.R. 3061** Medicare Prescription Drug Price Negotiation Act of 2015

**Sponsor:** Rep. Peter Welch

Yes  No If not, why not?

Consistent with my attached Core Values \_\_\_\_\_

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**H.R. 1339** Family and Medical Insurance Leave Act

**Sponsor:** Rep. Rosa DeLauro

Yes  No  If not, why not?

Consistent with my attached Core Values

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## War and Peace

***Terrorism should be treated as a crime, not as a pretext for war and global military expansion. Nuclear weapons are too dangerous to serve the strategic interests of any country and must be abolished. Initiatives to promote peace, disarmament, and the rule of international law will allow the US military budget to return to the 1998 peacetime level. We must bring our troops home to their families and redirect wasteful military spending to reinvest in America.***

**If elected to this office, do you pledge to cosponsor the following legislation as an original cosponsor, or within 2 weeks of its introduction?**

**H.R. 1111** Department of Peacebuilding Act of 2015

**Sponsor:** Rep. Barbara Lee

Yes  No  If not, why not?

Consistent with my attached Core Values, and without creating a cabinet level department. I would amend to address and mandate firearm annual training and combat range qualification. Proof of those annual qualifications along with picture ID must be presented to purchase ammunition/reloading materials; thus eliminating the gun lobby's objection to a national gun registry. Approved NRA training and combat range qualification would make the NRA part of the solution, not part of the problem

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**H.R. 1303** Repeal of the Authorization for Use of Military Force

**Sponsor:** Rep. Barbara Lee

**Yes  No Comment?** (50 word limit)

Consistent with my attached Core Values, and force all members of Congress to vote on the War on Global Terrorism, after the Joint Chiefs testify before Congress in open hearings re the "long war" duration and full costs.

## Global Warming/The Environment

*Environmental degradation and global warming threaten human civilization. Science conclusively demonstrates that global warming results from human activity. Greed and corporate power dominate US policy imposing a nearsighted focus on short term profits instead of serving the welfare of future generations of Americans.*

**If elected to this office, do you pledge to cosponsor the following legislation as an original cosponsor, or within 2 weeks of its introduction?**

**H.R. 1930** End Polluter Welfare Act of

**Sponsor:** Rep. Keith Ellison

**Yes  No Comment?** (50 word limit)

In principle, and consistent with my attached Core Values. Further this Act must take effect concurrently with a **fully integrated renewable energy program** ending all dependency on foreign oil – consistent with the history of requests by the DoD, Joint Chiefs and Armed Services.

**H.R. 1902** Protect Our Public Lands Act

**Sponsor:** Rep. Mark Pocan

**Yes  No Comment?** (50 word limit)

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**H.R. 2202** Tax Pollution Not Profits Act  
**Sponsor:** Rep. John Delaney

**Yes****No****Comment?** (50 word limit)

In principle, and consistent with my attached Core Values.

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## **Election Integrity:**

*Big-money domination threatens our election system. Incumbents are unfairly insulated by district gerrymandering. Voters face political and racial obstacles to voting and getting their votes counted. Digital voting systems and internet voting are vulnerable to error and manipulation and defy verification. Only an auditable paper ballot can protect our right to vote.*

**If elected to this office, do you pledge to cosponsor the following legislation as an original cosponsor, or within 2 weeks of its introduction?**

**HJ Res. 25** Constitutional Right to Vote  
**Sponsor:** Rep. Mark Pocan

**Yes****No****Comment?** (50 word limit)

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**H.R. 12** Voter Empowerment Act of 2015  
**Sponsor:** Rep. John Lewis

**Yes****No****Comment?** (50 word limit)

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**H.R. 411** Streamlined and Improved Methods at Polling Locations

**Sponsor:** Rep. Steve Cohen

**Yes****No****Comment?** (50 word limit)

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### **Economic Justice:**

*The enormous wealth disparity between the top 1% and the rest of America is an unsustainable economic and social injustice. Will you work for an economic recovery that employs all those willing and able, that houses all those needing shelter, and that imposes the cost based on the ability to pay.*

**If elected to this office, do you pledge to cosponsor the following legislation as an original cosponsor, or within 2 weeks of its introduction?**

**H.R. 1464** Inclusive Prosperity Act of 2015

**Sponsor:** Rep. Keith Ellison

**Yes****No****Comment?** (50 word limit)

In principle, and consistent with my attached Core Values.

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**H.R. 1000** Humphrey-Hawkins 21st Century Full Employment and Training Act of 2015

**Sponsor:** Rep. John Conyers

**Yes****No****Comment?** (50 word limit)

In principle, and consistent with my attached Core Values.

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**H.R. 3164** Pay Workers A Living Wage Act  
**Sponsor:** Rep. Keith Ellison

**Yes****No****Comment?** (50 word limit)

In principle, and consistent with my attached Core Values.

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### **Economic Justice (cont'd):**

**H.R. 1391** Social Security Act of 2015  
**Sponsor:** Rep. John Larson

**Yes****No****Comment?** (50 word limit)

In principle, and consistent with my attached Core Values.

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**H.R. 40** Commission to Study Reparation Proposals for African Americans Act  
**Sponsor:** Rep. John Conyers

**Yes****No****Comment?** (50 word limit)

In principle, and consistent with my attached Core Values. Such a Commission would better serve African Americans by addressing & correcting the systemic racism in our Nation's educational and criminal justice system

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## Corporate Rule

***Big corporations and banks dominant our political process, spending billions to lobby for programs against the public interest, and to privatize public services for profit. This erodes the middle class, destroys vital services, increases poverty, and undermines our nation. Congress must work to return our government to the people, improve services, stand up to corporate lobbyists, and stop the privatization of public services. We need a constitutional amendment to establish that corporations are not people and that money does not equal speech.***

**If elected to this office, do you pledge to cosponsor the following legislation as an original cosponsor, or within 2 weeks of its introduction?**

**H.R. 2600** Too Big To Fail, Too Big To Exist Act

**Sponsor:** Rep. Brad Sherman

**Yes  No Comment?** (50 word limit)

In principle, and consistent with my attached Core Values.

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**H.R. 3054** 21st Century Glass-Steagall Act of 2015

**Sponsor:** Rep. Michael Capuano

**Yes  No Comment?** (50 word limit)

In principle, and consistent with my attached Core Values.

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**HJ Res 23** Constitutional Amendment to regulate corporations

**Sponsor:** Rep. Jim McGovern

**Yes  No Comment?** (50 word limit)

In principle, and consistent with my attached Core Values.

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## Mass Criminalization

*The United States houses 25% of the world's inmates despite having only 5% of the world's population. The prison industrial complex has a vested interest in keeping people locked up. The growth of private, for-profit prisons has placed incarceration beyond public view. The administration of justice system is prejudiced against the poor and minorities.*

**If elected to this office, do you pledge to cosponsor the following legislation as an original cosponsor, or within 2 weeks of its introduction?**

**H.R. 1933** End Racial Profiling Act of 2015

**Sponsor:** Rep. John Conyers

**Yes** **No** **Comment?** (50 word limit)

In principle, and consistent with my attached Core Values.

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**H.R. 429** Grand Jury Reform Act

**Sponsor:** Rep. Hank Johnson

**Yes** **No** **Comment?** (50 word limit)

In principle, and consistent with my attached Core Values.

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**H.R. 2197** Youth Prison Reduction through Opportunities, Mentoring, Intervention, Support and Education

**Sponsor:** Rep. Barbara Lee

**Yes** **No** **Comment?** (50 word limit)

In principle, and consistent with my attached Core Values.

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## Equality Issues

*The belief in equality is a part of the founding documents of our nation and an important part of our national identity. Equality still has not been achieved by most groups in this country. We hope and expect that our endorsed Candidates will sponsor, co-sponsor, and/or support legislation that furthers the reach of equality to any and all groups seeking equal status.*

**If elected to this office, do you pledge to cosponsor the following legislation as an original cosponsor, or within 2 weeks of its introduction?**

**HJ Res 51** Removing the deadline for the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment  
**Sponsor:** Rep. Jackie Speier

**Yes**  **No**  **Comment?** (50 word limit)

In principle, and consistent with my attached Core Values.

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**H.R. 1619** Paycheck Fairness  
**Sponsor:** Rep. Rosa DeLauro

**Yes**  **No**  **Comment?** (50 word limit)

Consistent with my attached Core Values.

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**H.R. 1404** Social Security and Marriage Equality Act  
**Sponsor:** Rep. Ron Kind

**Yes**  **No**  **Comment?** (50 word limit)

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# Immigration

*We strongly support Comprehensive Immigration Reform that promotes fairness, equality, labor rights, family unification, integration, a program for legal residency and a path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants.*

**If elected to this office, do you pledge to cosponsor the following legislation as an original cosponsor, or within 2 weeks of its introduction?**

**H.R. 2095** American Families United Act  
**Sponsor:** Rep. Beto O'Rourke

**Yes**  **No**  **Comment?** (50 word limit)

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**H.R. 2808** Protecting Taxpayers and Communities from Local Detention Quotas Act  
**Sponsor:** Rep. Ted Deutsch

**Yes**  **No**  **Comment?** (50 word limit)

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**H.R. 3201** New American Success Act of 2015  
**Sponsor:** Rep. Tony Cardenas

**Yes**  **No**  **Comment?** (50 word limit)

Consistent with my attached Core Values for a mandated livable wages and without corporate welfare to subsidize such livable wages.

**H.R. 1959** College Options for Dreamers Act  
**Sponsor:** Rep. Ruben Hinojosa

**Yes**  **No**  **Comment?** (50 word limit)

Consistent with my attached Core Values for a mandated livable wages and without corporate welfare to subsidize such livable wages.

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## Education

*Education in the USA is unaffordable for the majority of Americans. The securitization of student debt has placed our students at the mercy of corporate predators. Minorities are denied equal access to education. We work to make our education system accessible and affordable to all.*

**If elected to this office, do you pledge to cosponsor the following legislation as an original cosponsor, or within 2 weeks of its introduction?**

**H.R. 1352** Student Loan Borrowers' Bill of Rights Act of 2015

**Sponsor:** Rep. Frederica Wilson

**Yes**  **No**  **Comment?** (50 word limit)

Consistent with my attached Core Values \_\_\_\_\_

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**H.R. 2521** REAL Act of 2015

**Sponsor:** Rep. Donna Edwards

**Yes**  **No**  **Comment?** (50 word limit)

Consistent with my attached Core Values \_\_\_\_\_

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**H.R. 2192** Pro Students Act

**Sponsor:** Rep. Mark Takano

**Yes**  **No**  **Comment?** (50 word limit)

Consistent with my attached Core Values \_\_\_\_\_

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## General

Please provide us with information in the sections provided below, some information about your campaign:

- **Your campaign plan with some *detail***

As a retired Marine Corps Colonel [with 32 years active & reserve service], Iraq Veteran and a trial attorney representing individuals in the CA 49<sup>th</sup> for more than 35 years – I will leverage my association with 100,000 veterans [and necessarily “veteran households” with multiple voters] in North San Diego & South Orange County to win cross-over votes from Darrell Issa. No Democratic candidate has ever present with equal credentials.

- **Your capacity to raise the necessary capital to fund the campaign,**

Efforts to date have prevented any & all primary challengers, allowing the marshalling of campaign funds and increase my primary vote totals. Sufficient promises of money from third parties will enable a focused cable TV campaign close to the general election.

- **grassroots support**

See my above associations Veterans and Veteran groups. Further, I've received endorsement from all Democratic Clubs in the CA 49<sup>th</sup> and received the most votes in CA Dem District 19 for early endorsement of any candidate and placing me on the consensus ballot at the State Democratic Convention at the end of the month.

- **your campaign staff in place**

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Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire. We believe that an informed electorate is the greatest assurance of a strong democracy.

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## **Doug Applegate's Core Values**

1. End deficit spending & save the economy & the middle class
2. Give working moms equal pay for equal work and equal healthcare choices.
3. End Wall Street's bribery of Congress; Congress needs to stop Wall Street and casino bankers who gamble with Federal insured deposits making taxpayers cover their losses.
4. Break up banks too big to fail!
5. Tax hedge fund financial transactions.
6. Sell to the world America's secure economy with wise investments & the preeminent workers to build the best transportation, communications and a ***fully integrated renewable energy program*** ending all dependency on foreign oil.
7. Raise the minimum wage to \$15 tied to the rate of inflation.
8. Tax all earnings of U.S. Corporations and all income over \$1 million as ordinary income so Warren Buffet pays at least the same tax rate as his secretary.
9. Stop less 25% of Congress from blocking effective legislation like the ***bipartisan*** immigration bill<sup>1</sup> by

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1. <sup>1</sup> Passed June 2013 by the Senate (68-32), it had enough House votes to pass, but the Far Right blocked any House vote with the rule from Bush-era House Speaker Denny Hastert (R). The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office projected the bipartisan Senate immigration bill would reduce federal budget deficits by \$197 billion over the next decade and is supported by such pro-business and pro-agriculture groups as the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and numerous agribusiness associations.

- ending the Hastert rule particularly since Hastert pled guilty to Federal hush-money charges linked to allegations of sexual misconduct with his minor students.
10. Support immigration reform and a path to citizenship like the 2013 Senate **bipartisan** immigration bill.
  11. For workers to organize on a card vote of 50% plus one.
  12. Reinstate Glass Steagal separating commercial banking from investment banking.
  13. Mandate Medicare and Medicaid negotiation of drug prices from pharmaceutical companies like the rest of the world.
  14. Require corporations to pay their fair share of taxes currently 10% of federal revenue down from 30-40% of federal revenue.
  15. Stop the use of tax havens like the Cayman Islands by both individual citizens and corporations to avoid tax.
  16. End TPP and Fast Track trade negotiations designed advantage corporations at the cost of exporting U.S. jobs.
  17. For FAIR TRADE that protects American industry and employment.
  18. Stop the fracking industry's exemption from the Clean Water Act and the Clean Air Act.
  19. For a Constitutional amendment to overturn the disastrous Supreme Court decision in Citizens United.
  20. For free access to the polls for all citizens.

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21. Stop Gerrymandering and support independent commissions to draw Congressional Districts.
22. Decriminalize marijuana.
23. Americans have the right to sustainable farming and the right to know what's in the water and GMO food we eat, and what it might do to us.
24. The U.S. mandatory sentencing & incarceration rate are immoral, racist and socially destructive. End to privatization of prisons.
25. Honor the contracts with Working Americans who earned their VA benefits, their retirement; their Medicare, and a decent education for their children without crushing debt and without privatization by Wall Street.